

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) A method of treating sepsis in a subject suffering from sepsis, wherein said sepsis is selected from the group consisting of sepsis caused by a gram-positive bacteriasepsis and sepsis caused by a gram negative bacteria sepsis, comprising

- a) providing a reagent capable of blocking C5a receptor, wherein said reagent is a monoclonal antibody that specifically binds to said C5a receptor; and
- b) administering said reagent to said subject, wherein said subject's survival is prolonged.

27. (original) The method of claim 26, wherein said administering results in a decrease in symptoms of sepsis in the subject.

28. (canceled)

29. (canceled)

30. (canceled)